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#### A new nurse finds purpose as a volunteer vaccinator in Tigray



When Selamawit Araya joined Adigrat University four years ago to study nursing, she was filled with hope and anticipation. She imagined a future where she would work as a nurse in a hospital. But in her final year of study, things took an unexpected turn when war broke out in Tigray. Full story

#### **Enhancing Participation of Women in Politics**



In Ethiopia, women face multiple barriers to participate in politics. Despite actions taken to improve women's political participation at the National and Regional level, there is a need to strengthen women's capacity to effectively compete with men in this male dominated political landscape. Full story

#### Ist Coffee Training Centre in Ethiopia inaugurated



The Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), the Ethiopian

Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA), illycaffè, Ernesto Illy Foundation and UNIDO have inaugurated the first Coffee Training Centre (CTC) in the country. The Centre was set up within the framework of the project "Improving the sustainability and inclusiveness of the Ethiopian coffee value chain through Private and Public Partnership", financed by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and developed in partnership with illycaffè and Ernesto Illy Foundation. Full story

### Saving Ethiopia's youngest children



Inside the Konso hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, two-hour old Atalelech Washero lies under an incubator with an intravenous needle inserted in her tiny arm.

Full story

## World Refugee Day 2021:The power of education and a young refugee's dream of giving back



At the age of three, Amule Nixon Raphael was forced to flee his home in Yei, becoming a refugee for the first, but not last time. To date, he has spent 75 percent of his life in exile, in Uganda as a child and young adult and in the last seven years in Ethiopia. Full story

## "Women of Faith" Initiative working towards Ending Violence Against Women and Girls in Ethiopia



"... the issue of sexual abuse was among the subjects considered taboo in their respective religious organizations.

According to the national census conducted in 2017, 98% of the Ethiopians say they belong to a certain faith or religion. As a country that prides itself in having long history of both Christianity and Muslim practices, religion plays an important role in peoples lives and Ethiopian society in general. Full story

### Urgent funding needed to assist survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in Tigray



"I was running from place to place without food or shelter. I was in fear all the time... There was no safe place for me until I got to the safe house," 22-year-old Selam\* diffidently recounts to UNFPA.

Selam was in an extremely delicate physical and psychosocial state when she arrived. She had been displaced by conflict that continues to rage in parts of the region, and had repeatedly faced harrowing levels of sexual violence. Full story

#### Decent Work Country Program (2021-2025) for Ethiopia launched



The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia together with the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Union (CETU) and the Confederation of Ethiopian Employers Federations (CEEF) colorfully launched the Decent Work Country Program (DWCP, 2021 – 2025) for Ethiopia with the support of the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Addis Ababa.

# Achieving an equal future during COVID-19: Women in the garment and textile industry



Alemeshet is an operator in the cutting section at one of the garment and textile factories in Ethiopia. She is one of the thousands of women workers who dominate the industry. Full story

### Delivering essential supplies for combating COVID-19

Following the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the high demand for products coupled with logistical and transportation restrictions resulted in a volatile market situation. Full story

#### Life-saving Health Assistance



"I'm pregnant, I'm displaced, but I'm still alive," Lete laments as she strokes her belly. She awaits her antenatal check-up at an IOM mobile health clinic in Mekelle, the capital of Ethiopia's Tigray region.

Full story

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